(b) Provision of municipal services including drainage and sewage treatment systems is responsibility of the states/municipal bodies. However, Government of India supplements initiatives of the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies through schemes like the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), launched in December, 2005 under which, all urban towns are eligible for financial assistance for improvement in infrastructure services including municipal drainage and sewerage treatment system.

Warranty for buildings/flats

1148. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to make provision for warranty by the builders for the construction of buildings/flats for a minimum period of five to seven years for any defects in the buildings/flats;

(b) whether with a view to provide relief to the purchasers of the buildings/flats from the builders, Government is going to make this warranty mandatory on the part of the builders;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame for its implementation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Matters related to approval of building plans including structural safety is a State subject and is regulated through building bylaws of States and Union Territories which cater to the requirement of structural safety as well. The Government of India has brought out Model Building Bye-laws. In addition, the National Building Code, 2005 has adequate provisions related to structural safety and serves as a guide to State Governments/Urban Local Bodies for making suitable modifications in respective Building Bye-laws of State Governments/Urban Local Bodies in force. Building contracts between buyers and construction agency usually also have specific clauses pertaining to "Defects Liability Period" in which the contractor is bound to rectify defects pointed out by the client. In case, some defects in buildings occur immediately after possession, one can seek relief under various laws including Consumer Protection Act.

Unauthorized constructions

1149. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of forthcoming General Elections, there is an unprecedented rise in unauthorized constructions in the capital;

(b) if so, whether in view of rise in unauthorized constructions, the Delhi High Court has decided to bring back the Monitoring Committee which was suspended in September last year;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government/State Government of Delhi/MCD/DDA completely failed to put a check on such illegal constructions; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the immediate steps that Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) DDA and MCD have informed that as and when any unauthorised construction is noticed, necessary action as per the relevant provisions of the Acts/Rules concerned is taken.

BRT project

1150. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BRT project has been implemented without going into the merits of the project, keeping in mind the level of vehicle movements in this section of the road;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many fatal deaths have taken place in this particular stretch of the BRT corridor;

(c) the steps being taken to improve the movement of vehicles in this section which is a nightmare for the office going vehicles and it takes around 15-25 minutes just to cross two Kms. of this corridor;

(d) whether Government proposes to abolish this project, keeping in mind the welfare of the people of Delhi; and

(e) if so, by when it would be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has informed that as far as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor in Delhi *i.e.* Ambedkar Nagar to Delhi Gate is concerned, this corridor was identified as a pilot project by the GNCT of Delhi based on the feasibility study conducted by M/s RITES in 2004 in consultation with TRIPP (IIT). However, the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects sanctioned under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are based on the detailed projects reports prepared by the States/Urban Local Bodies.